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From the end of World War II until 13 March 1952, the following airfields having been occupied by SAF units during the dates indicated:

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1. Floesti/Targocru Nou Airfield [4455N-2552E], from 1945 to Spring of 1947. Unit designation, subordination, [redacted] the aircraft strength was 30 YAK piston fighters, [redacted] whether they were type 7 or 9. [redacted] the existence of this unit since the end of World War II. [redacted] an emergency landing on this airfield in 1946, [redacted] observed the 30 YAK fighters. [redacted] the SAF vacated this field in the Spring of 1947. [redacted] general knowledge of Rumanian Air Force (RumAF) order of battle, know that a RumAF Fighter Regiment has been here since 1949. [redacted]
2. Craiova Airfield [4419N-2353E], from 1945 to Spring of 1947. Unit designation, subordination, [redacted] During 1945 and 1946, [redacted] approximately 30 YAK-7 type piston fighters on this airfield. I flew there on many occasions during this period with a Heinkel 111 to purchase meat in Craiova which [redacted] resold to Brasov restaurants. Between 1946 and 1949 [redacted] stopped at Craiova on several cross-country flights and recall that the SAF had vacated this field either in the Spring or Fall of 1947. [redacted]

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3. Brasov Airfield /4541N-2537E7, from 1945 to late Spring of 1947. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the SAF had approximately 40 IL-2 (Stormovik) and 20 YAK-7 piston fighters here. One morning in the Spring of 1947, before dawn, the SAF unit left. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the aircraft take off within 1½ hours and that they headed westward.
4. Bucharest/Pipera Airfield /4429N-2607E7, from 1945 to Spring of 1951. [redacted] saw approximately 40 YAK-9 aircraft on this airfield. [redacted] At the time this Regiment was located on a neighboring airfield, Bucharest/Giulesti. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the SAF vacated this airfield in the Spring of 1951 and moved to Otopeni Airfield, on which expansion had just been completed. The 4th Transport Regiment of the Rumanian Air Force moved to Pipera in June 1951. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
5. Bucharest/Otopeni Airfield /4434N-2605E7, from 1945 to March 1952. While stationed in the Bucharest area in 1948, [redacted] the SAF had 40 YAK-9 piston fighters on this field. It was common knowledge that the SAF has utilized this field since the end of World War II and has not released it since. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Otopeni had received approximately 40 YAK-15 or MIG-15 jet fighters in the Spring of 1951. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 40 YAK-9 had been moved here from Bucharest/Pipera Airfield.
6. Buzau Airfield /4508N-2648E7. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] observed Buzau Airfield from its periphery and also was on the field to use the SAF shopping facilities. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 60 YAK-9 piston fighters and 10 YAK-11 piston engine trainers. [redacted] the SAF had some accidents at this field. [redacted] In May 1951 the SAF unit moved to Zilistea Airfield because this field had fewer obstructions than Buzau. Rumanian Air Cadet School No. 1 had to be moved from Zilistea to Tecuci Airfield /4551N-2724E7 and the Aviation Instruction Center from Tecuci to Buzau Airfield. [redacted] 25X1
7. Zilistea Airfield /4513N-2658E7, from May 1951 to March 1952. [redacted]
8. Constanta/Mamaia Airfield /4418N-2836E7, from 1945 [redacted] to March 1952. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] During 1948 and 1949 [redacted] observed approximately 20 YAK-9 piston fighters and also 20 PE-2 twin inline engine light bombers which [redacted] were later delivered to Bulgaria by the SAF. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] seen six or eight LI-2, three Boston and two YAK-9 aircraft on this airfield.
9. Ciorogarla Airfield, located near the village of Ciorogarla /4426N-2553E7, fifteen kilometers due east of Bucharest. During the Winter of 1951-1952, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] SAF jet fighters were to occupy Ciorogarla Airfield, on which a concrete runway had been completed in the Fall of 1951. [redacted] 25X1
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